

ACCESSIBILITY

IS FOR EVERYONE!

**CELEBRATING STUDENTS
WITH DISABILITIES**

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OBJECTIVES

This workshop is designed to equip attendees with the knowledge and tools to effectively plan and execute accessibility events on their campuses to include both students and faculty as well as the community.

Participants will leave with a tangible reference for what can work in terms of both format and content. Through examples and discussion, participants will have an opportunity to brainstorm, share ideas, and address challenges.

Additionally, strategies for engaging the broader community will be discussed as securing partnerships is key to ensuring these events are successful and sustainable.

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WHO AM I?

I am an Assistant Director and Academic Counselor for Student Disability Services at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX. I am also the Coordinator for Testing Services with SDS. In my personal life, I am a wife, a daughter, a friend, a fur-baby mama, a musician, and an advocate for human rights and education.

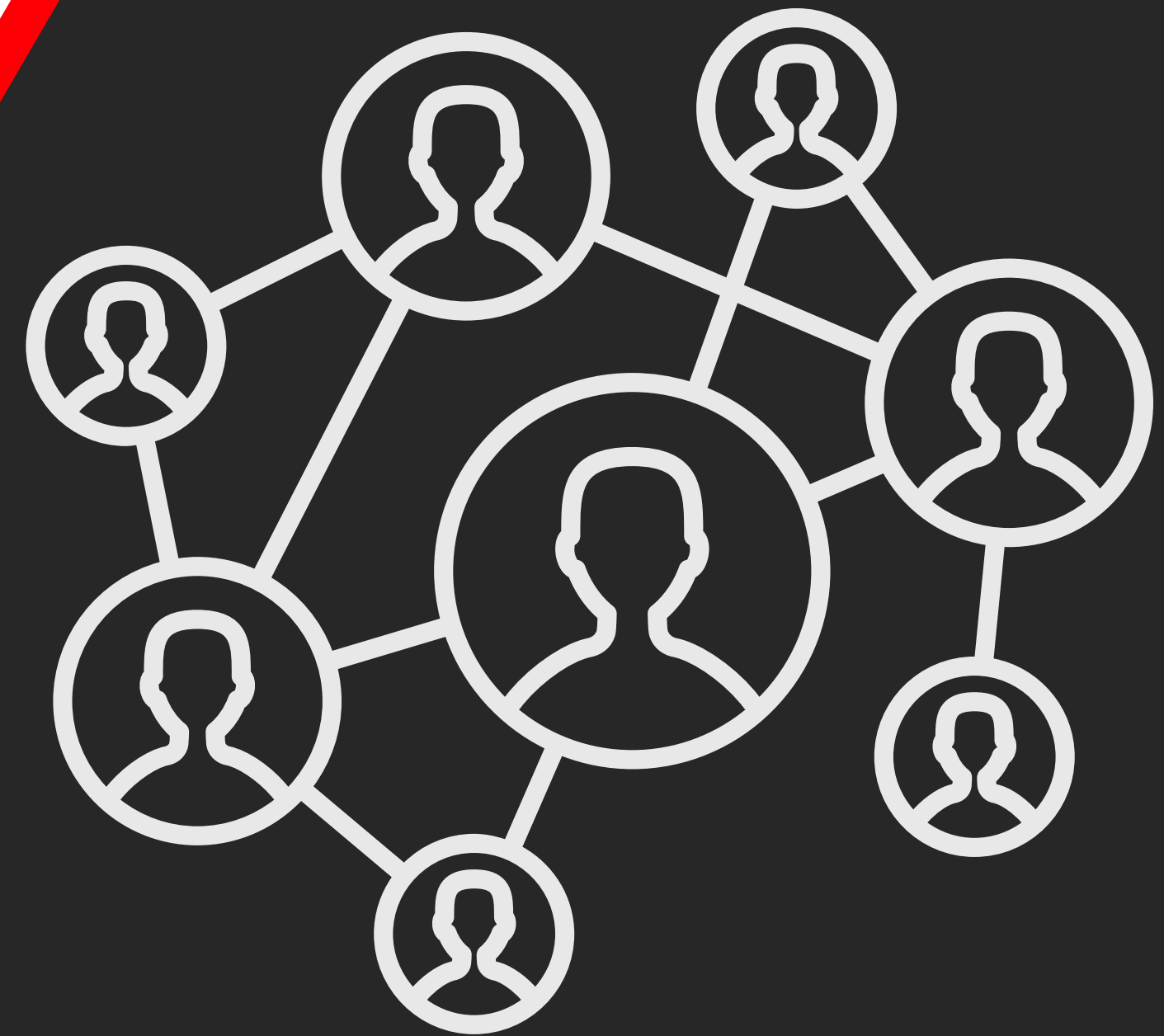
WHY DO I WORK WITH SDS?

I get the most joy from seeing students succeed. As a former educator, helping students reach their goals is the best accomplishment! Whether it be teaching students how to advocate for themselves or assisting a student who is unsure how to navigate their way through college, I am thrilled to be able to work with students each day.



Let's Network!

- **What is your name?**
- **Where are you from?**
- **What's your favorite thing about your job?**



WHY CELEBRATE ACCESSIBILITY?

FOR STUDENTS

Accessibility is so important for students with disabilities. We celebrate accessibility to give students a sense of belonging and awareness.

FOR FACULTY & STAFF

We celebrate accessibility to bring awareness to our faculty and staff about the needs of our students with disabilities and what they experience on a daily basis.

FOR COMMUNITY

We involve the community in our accessibility awareness by accepting donations for events and inviting them to participate in certain events.

THE HISTORY OF ACCESSIBILITY IS FOR EVERYONE! WEEK

formerly called "Disability Awareness Week"



**Began in
2010**

**Started
with just
the Art
Show**

**Formerly all
events were
held on
campus and
only involved
students**

**In 2018, we
began
partnering
with the
community
and involving
faculty.**

Accessibility is for Everyone!

Upcoming Events:

<p>SEPT. 27 Day of Accessibility</p>  <p>We know you want to push that access button! GO AHEAD! On Sept. 27, use those buttons, find the ramps around campus, seek out the accessible parking spots (but don't park illegally!) Take a selfie with them and then post your picture to Instagram and tag us @ttu_sds! Come by the office, show us your post and receive a Bahama Bucks BOGO voucher! <small>If you find a button that isn't working or a ramp or sidewalk that is blocked, please call our office.</small></p>	<p>SEPT. 29 Deaf Bingo</p>  <p>Join in on the fun! WALL-GATES LOBBY 5:30PM - 7:30PM Come play Deaf Bingo, learn ASL, and have fun with your friends! ATTENDEES WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES!</p>	<p>OCT. 1 Creative Abilities Gallery</p>  <p>Come to the First Friday Art Trail on October 1 to support our SDS students as their art is showcased at the IceHouse Gallery. 6pm - 9pm ENJOY ART GALLERIES, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC, AND MORE!</p>
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Disability Awareness Week

- Kick-off Event**
SUB West Plaza
Mon., Sep. 30th, 11am-1pm
- SDS Open House**
SDS Office, 335 West Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 1st, 2-4pm
- Deaf Bingo**
Wall/Gates Residence Hall
Wed., Oct. 2nd, 5:30-7pm
- Creative Abilities Art Gallery**
First Friday Art Trail
Friday, Oct. 4th, 6-9pm

BINGO

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15	30	14	58	20
5	29	09	48	71
6	16	33	32	68
10	26	43	53	63

#TTUDAW14

Changing the face of **DISABILITY** across campus.

Disability Awareness Week
October 27th-31st

Schedule of Events

Show your support for Disability Awareness by wearing your red and black ribbon. You can pick up an awareness ribbon in the SDS office (335 West Hall).

Monday
11am - "Changing Your Name Game" 2nd West Hall (room 212)
12pm - "The Hamlet" 335 West Hall (room 335)
1pm - "Deaf Bingo" 335 West Hall (room 335)
2pm - "Big Bang Theory" 335 West Hall (room 335)

Tuesday
11am - "The Big Bang Theory" 335 West Hall (room 335)
12pm - "The Big Bang Theory" 335 West Hall (room 335)
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Thursday
11am - "Personal Finance Seminar" 335 West Hall (room 335)
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Monday, October 26th
Kick-Off Event
West Hall Visitors Center
2:00 - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, October 27th
Supporting Students On the Spectrum
Library TLPDC 151
Eyla Shannon, Laura Casanova & Rachel Traylor
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Deaf Bingo
Wall/Gates Lobby
Student Speaker George Stern
"Context of Disabilities"
Mix & Mingle in ASL
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 29th
Best Practices in Accommodating Students with Disabilities
Dr. Larry Phillippe
Library TLPDC 151
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Friday, October 30th
Art Reception Open House
West Hall 335
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Creating ADA Compliant Accessible Classes Online
Dr. Kristina Mitchell
Library TLPDC 151
1:00 - 2:00 PM

We're giving away Tech apparel, gift cards, prizes & more!
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2015
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY Student Disability Services

2024 Accessibility is for Everyone!

Student Disability Services

<p>Sept. 30 CREATE & PAINT</p> <p>Join us at the SDS office from 1pm to 4pm as we create art to be sold at the Creative Abilities Gallery on Friday, Oct. 6. All proceeds will go to SDS scholarships. Paints & canvases will be provided! Come have some fun!</p> 	<p>October 1 MOVIE & PIZZA PARTY</p> <p>Join us at the SDS office (130 Weeks Hall) for the 2017 film <i>Wonder</i>, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie Pullman becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade.</p> 	<p>October 2 DEAF BINGO</p> <p>Deaf Bingo is a long-standing event held each year by the SDS office. Students always have a great time! Join us on Oct. 4 from 6:30pm to 8pm as we play bingo using ASL at the newly renovate TECHniques Center, 130 Weeks Hall. Snacks will be provided and door prizes will be available.</p> 	<p>October 3 MENTAL HEALTH DAY</p> <p>Stop by 130 Weeks Hall., between 8am and 4pm to enjoy some cartoons and pick up some stickers and other fun things! Snacks will be provided!</p> 	<p>October 4 CREATIVE ABILITIES GALLERY</p> <p>The Creative Abilities Gallery will be held at the Ice House Theatre as part of the First Friday Art Trail. Artwork created by SDS students will be on display and for sale. The event is held from 6pm to 9pm. Food trucks, live music, and performances by our students are all part of the fun!</p> 
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DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK
OCTOBER 24TH - 28TH 2016

#TTUDAW16

KICK OFF
MONDAY 11AM - 1PM
SUB NORTH PLAZA

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
JEREMY POINCENOT
TUESDAY 7PM
SUB BALLROOM

ART GALLERY & ICE CREAM!
WEDNESDAY 11AM - 1PM
SUB COURTYARD

DEAF BINGO
THURSDAY 6PM - 7PM
WALL/GATES LOBBY

DISABILITIES PANEL
THURSDAY 11AM - 1PM
SUB ESCONDIDO THEATRE

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Informing the Community.

We publicize our events on the local news.



We advertise our events in the TTU Newspaper and on all digital boards.



What events have we hosted?

Deaf Bingo



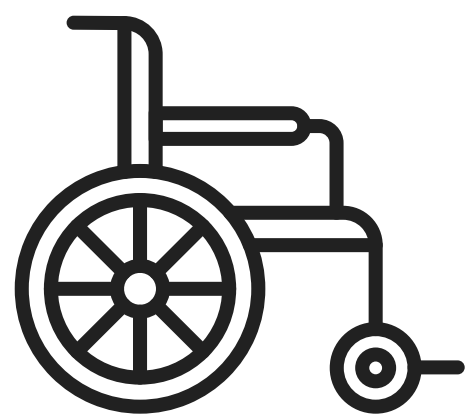
Day of Accessibility



Open House



**Accessibility
Challenge**



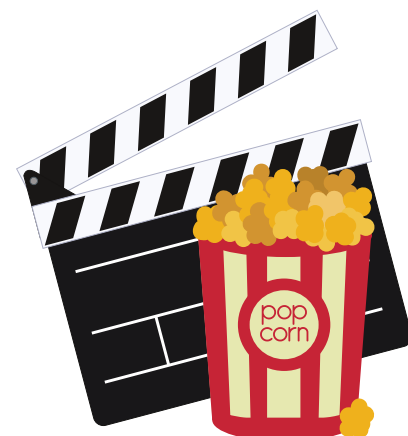
**Creative
Abilities Gallery**



Create & Paint



Movie Night



Mental Health Day

Accessibility Challenge

- **Invitation to faculty to spend an hour of their day in a motorized wheelchair**
- **Our office partnered with a local medical supply company to rent 4 wheelchairs**
- **Overwhelming response from faculty to participate**
- **We took the experience and feedback and shared it at Open House for faculty & staff**



Open House

- **Open House was held after hours (5:30pm to 7:30pm) and open to TTU faculty and staff**
- **Managing Director spoke about our services**
- **Presented information about the Accessibility Challenge, including pictures and feedback from participants and their students**
- **Participants requested that their co-workers be invited to participate the following year**



Day of Accessibility.

- **Partnered with local shaved ice company to provide free vouchers for students**
- **Invited all TTU students to test the accessibility buttons on campus, find ADA parking spots, elevators, etc and check to make sure they were working and in good repair**
- **Students were asked to take pictures of themselves completing these tasks and visit the SDS office to show us the pictures and get a free voucher**
- **Through this activity, we found a couple of accessibility buttons that weren't working and an elevator needing repair**



Mental Health Day.

- **Students were invited to come by the SDS office throughout the day to relax and enjoy some "down time"**
- **Our office ordered items that students could enjoy on a day of relaxation - lip balm, lotion, fun stickers, and a bookmark - and handed them out to students that came in**
- **We set up a projector and screen in our lobby and played cartoons throughout the day**
- **We also set up tables and put out coloring sheets, word search puzzles, and snacks**

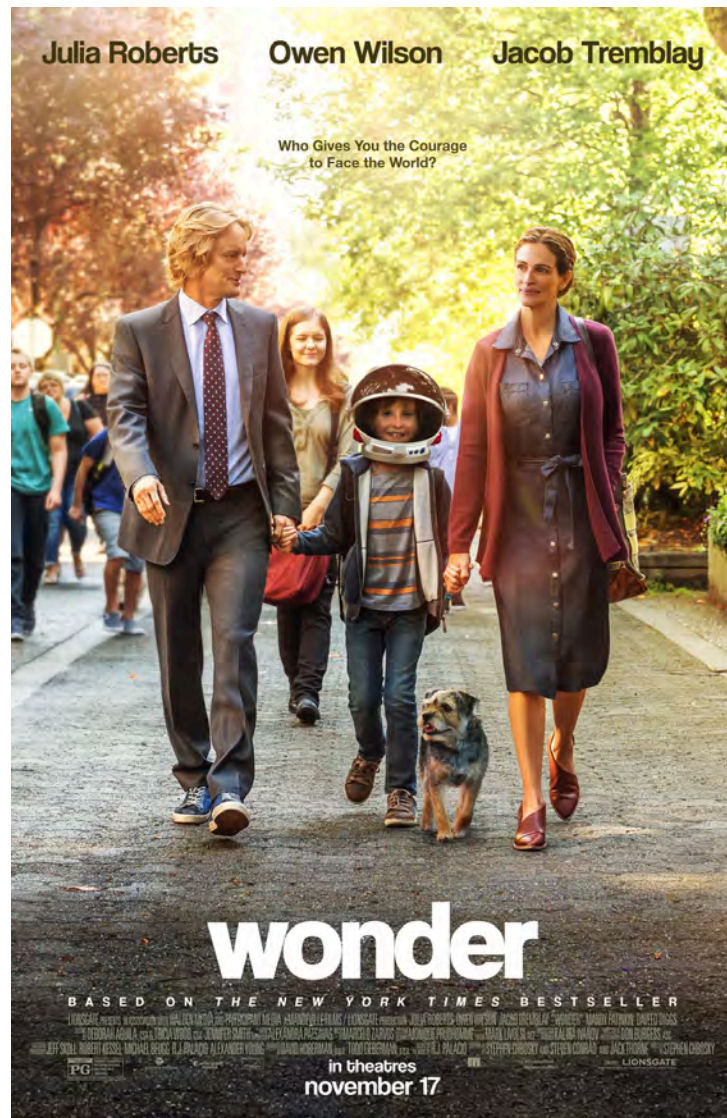
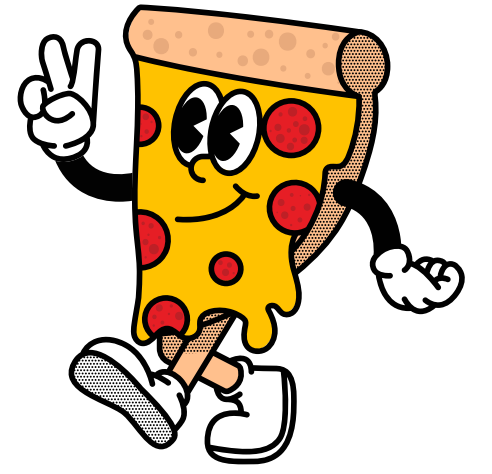
**Mental
health
matters**

"The cartoons were fun to watch and I really liked the bag of goodies they gave out. I was able to relax between classes."

-Jayla R. (SDS student)

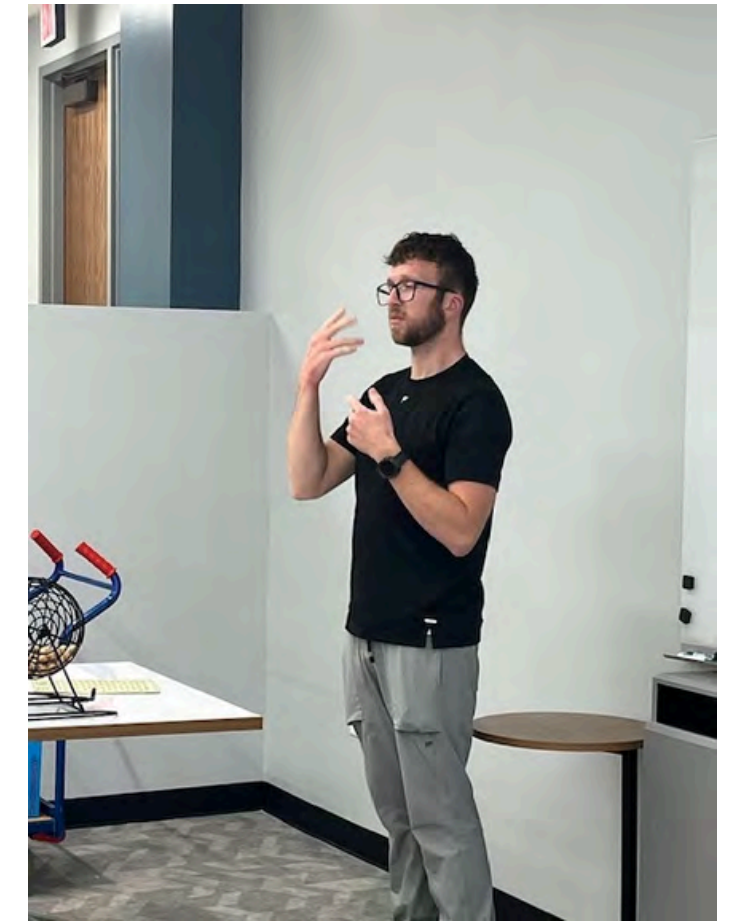


Movie & Pizza Night



Students were invited to the SDS office from 5pm to 7pm to have pizza and drinks and watch a disability-related movie. RSVP required in order to have enough food. Open to all students.

Deaf Bingo



TTU students and the community are invited to play Deaf Bingo which coincides with International Day of the Deaf. In the past, we have partnered with the Residence Hall Association and used a lobby area in one of the dorms and RHA provided food and drinks to participants. This past year, we were able to use our own newly renovated space to host Bingo and had the best turn out we've had. Snacks were provided. We have a deaf student or community member give their story before Bingo begins and then they "host" the game.

Prizes are given to players, not for winning the game but all players turn in a ticket with their names on it and we draw for winners. Because we are considered a non-profit, we cannot give prizes for winning a game.

We provide the players with a "cheat sheet" that has all of the signs on it so that if they don't know sign language, they can still play.

Vendors & Prizes

- **Texas Tech Athletics**
 - **free football tickets**
 - **signed football**
- **Stars & Stripes Drive In Theatre**
 - **free movie tickets, food vouchers**
- **At'I Do Corn Maze**
 - **4 family packs for the maze and food**
- **United Supermarkets**
 - **2, \$25 gift cards**
- **Rosa's**
 - **2, \$20 gift cards**
- **Taco Casa**
 - **Taco Casa "bucks"**
- **The Soda Shack**
 - **10, \$10 gift cards**
- **Alamo Drafthouse**
 - **2 free movie tickets**
- **Now We Taco'N**
 - **4 free taco dinners**
- **Dion's Pizza**
 - **2 free pizza vouchers**
- **Affinity Salon**
 - **free mani/pedi**
- **Say Selfie!**
 - **free photo shoot for 4**
- **Adventure Park**
 - **2 free passes to play**
- **FORE Golf**
 - **2 free passes**

Create & Paint



SDS students are invited to come to our office on the first Friday of each month for Create & Paint. Students are provided paint and canvases to create art for our annual Creative Abilities Gallery. We keep the art and display it through the year in our office.



Creative Abilities Gallery.

Our favorite, and most attended, annual event held at a local theatre called the Icehouse.



We hold the gallery in conjunction with Lubbock's monthly First Friday Art Trail. The event brings in over 1,000 people each year and the money made from the sell of the art goes to SDS scholarships.



We showcase student art including paintings, drawings, sketches, fashion design, pottery, singing, dancing, and poetry.

We also invite the BurkTECH players to perform a skit. The BurkTECH players are Texas Tech students that are on the spectrum and are part of the Burkhart Center for Autism and Research.



A local band, Lads & Lass, provide entertainment.

Creative Abilities Gallery.



Creative Abilities Gallery.

In 2024, we invited two artists from the community to join us at the CAG. They both created art during the show and anything of theirs that was purchased, the artists generously donated the proceeds to SDS Scholarships.

We plan to have more community members join us in 2025.



art by Beth Brown



clay throwing by
Von Venhuizen

Feedback from Faculty, Staff, and Community

“What makes this so special to me is that these students are able to participate in fun events together as students that may not have much interaction otherwise. It shows that their SDS office supports them and celebrates them and that they have a place at Texas Tech.”

-Amy Taylor, Manager of S&S Drive In

“My favorite thing about DAW is showcasing our students’ wonderful talents! We get to put one of their many talents out there for the Lubbock community to see. I love seeing the pride they have in showing off and being celebrated for their work!! We have so many creative people we get to serve day in and day out.”

-Kyla Shannon, TC Associate Director

“The most impressive thing about the events of the week is how many faculty members were able to participate in the Accessibility Challenge. It gave us the opportunity to experience disabilities first hand!”

-Margaret Williams, Professor

“I really enjoyed the Creative Abilities Art Gallery during the First Friday Art Trail. There were some amazing art pieces there and the live performances were stellar. The art was created by students with disabilities from across campus demonstrating their own artistic flare. I had a special affinity for all the pieces that were created by the Burkhart Center students, because while they had similar subjects, they all had a unique, signature look. It is refreshing to see students with disabilities celebrated in such a way, and I can’t wait for the next time we get to host FFAT again!”

- Sharon Betzold, Director of TECHniques



Let's Discuss:

- **What can you do on your campus to host events like these?**
- **What kinds of support would you need?**
- **Which of these events do you think is the most feasible for you to do on your campus?**



Q & A

